

Application No. 10/811,943
Reply to Office Action dated May 18, 2006

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-4. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-4, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006. In that communication, the examiner: (a) objects to the drawings; (b) objects to the specification; (c) rejects claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 10 and 12 under Section 112; and (d) objects to claims 10, 11 and 13 due to informalities. In response, applicant above amends claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13, and cancels claims 5 and 12. The application currently contains claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13.

A. Drawings

The drawings were objected to for allegedly failing to show the valve and components 2, 4-13, “T”, the L-Shaped Pipe and the S-Shaped Pipe. Applicant herein amends Figure 1 to add reference number 2 and reference letter “T”; Figure 2 has been amended to illustrate the cross-section viewed in Figure 1A; and Figure 1A has been amended to further identify the features associated with reference numbers 2a and 3a. Replacement drawings are provided with this amendment.

Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 1 now identifies the features associated with each of the reference numbers, letters and descriptions to which the examiner objects, in sufficient detail for an individual of ordinary skill in the art to understand the invention disclosed and claimed herein. Claim 5 has been canceled. Accordingly, the requirement that applicant show the “elastic means” is now moot.

Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any questions or further requirements for bringing the drawings into complete conformance with the rules.

B. Specification

The examiner objects to the specification. Applicant amends the specification to change “2a c 3a” to read “2a and 3a,” and to otherwise clarify and format the disclosure. Applicant encloses herewith a redlined substitute specification and a clean version thereof. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn and

the substitute specification entered into the file for publication and, ultimately, issuance with the application.

C. Section 112

The examiner rejects claim 1 on the grounds that “the handle” in line 6 lacks sufficient antecedent basis. Applicant above amends “the handle” to read “a handle.” Applicant asserts that this amendment obviates the rejection, and respectfully asserts that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

The examiner rejects claim 3 on the grounds that it claims a “showerhead”, while depending from claim 1, which recites a “water delivery system.” The examiner also notes that this issue also affects many other claims. Applicant above amends all pending claims to recite in the preamble a “water delivery system.” Applicant asserts that this amendment obviates the rejection to claim 3 and the corresponding rejections to claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13.

The examiner rejects claims 5 and 12. Applicant above cancels both of these claims. Accordingly these rejections are moot.

The examiner rejects claim 10 based on the term “centering means.” Applicant above amends claim 10 to recite, in relevant part, “an alignment feature.” Applicant asserts that this amendment obviates the rejection, and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

D. Claim Objections

The examiner identifies several objections in the claims. Applicant above amends the claims as suggested by the examiner and, accordingly, assumes that the amended claims are no longer objectionable.

E. Conclusion

All of the claims remaining in the application are now allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or to discuss any issues remaining before the application can be allowed.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosure:
4 Sheets of Replacement Drawings (Figures. 1-4)

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